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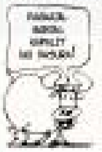
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QC swaps recyclable trash for food items

By Marlon Ramos



BASURA IN, GOODS out.

Starting on Oct. 13, public school students in Quezon City may trade recyclable materials, such as plastics,

QC SWAPS/A13

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CA stops murder trial of tortured pastor

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF APPEALS (CA) has stopped the murder trial of a pastor of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and ordered the dismissal of the case against him after he was abducted, detained and tortured by his police captors.

Noting the judiciary's "renewed vigilance"

CA STOPS/A13

World mourns death of blue-eyed legend

LOS ANGELES—AMERICA and the world on Sunday mourned Paul Newman, an actor of roguish charm whose death after a long fight with cancer relegated the US presidential election and Wall Street's financial meltdown to second place in news bulletins.

Family and friends of the film legend, who passed away on Friday, remembered a loving father, a passionate humanitarian, a health food mogul—he once quipped that his salad dressing was making more money than his movies—a race car driver, and a political activist.

"Sometimes God makes perfect people," fellow "Absence of Malice" star Sally Field said.

WORLD MOURNS/A4



NEWMAN IMMORTALIZED Actor Paul Newman appeared in over 50 films, including (from left) "Cool Hand Luke," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "The Color of Money." He received the Oscar for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (right) in 1994.

Breakthrough on bailout



FOOD AID Members of Muslim families displaced by military actions against Moro rebels wait for their turn to receive food assistance in Datu Piang town in Maguindanao. Fighting is expected to intensify after the Islamic fasting of Ramadan, which may end tonight.

$700-B plan now has safeguards for taxpayers

WASHINGTON—CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS and the Bush administration have reached an agreement to set up a $700-billion government fund that will buy bad debt from ailing banks in a bid to stem a credit crisis threatening the global economy.

After marathon talks into the wee hours of Sunday morning, leading lawmakers from both political parties came up with an agreement that altered key parts of the largest bailout plan in US history.

"We've made great progress ... We have to get it committed to paper, so that we can formally agree," House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters after the talks.

"We've still got more to do to finalize it, but I think we're there," said Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who participated in the protracted meetings the past two days.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid described the agreement as a "breakthrough," which he attributed to a last-minute intervention by Pelosi.

"We worked out everything," Sen. Judd Gregg said. The chief Republican negotiator on the issue, however, said he would still look at the final wording of the agreement and consult with colleagues before giving his final approval.

Congressional leaders hope to have the House vote on the measure on Monday. A Senate vote would come later, barring any last-minute hitches.

The preceding week of negotiations over the rescue package has roiled financial markets and altered the course of the US presidential campaign less than six weeks before the election.

BREAKTHROUGH/A4

No smooth RP ride to 2010, says US think tank

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES IS MOVING PRECARIOUSLY toward the 2010 presidential election amid political tension caused by fresh initiatives to tinker with the Constitution and heightened economic risks from the global financial crisis, according to a New York-based think tank.

But remittances from overseas Filipino workers will continue to keep the domestic economy afloat, Global Source said in a paper titled "Minefields on the Road to 2010" dated Sept. 26.

"The road to the 2010 presidential election is not expected to be a smooth one," said the commentary written by Filipino economists Romeo Bernardo and Marie-Christine Tang.

Mounting a Charter change (Cha-cha) initiative, even if eventually blocked or pulled back, was seen helping to prevent President Macapagal-Arroyo from becoming a "lame duck" during her remaining 20 months in office.

"Thus, this is a no-lose strategy for the leadership," the paper said.

While local financial markets have shrugged off these political developments until now, Global Source said "it would be rash though to dismiss current moves as mere political noise."

It reckoned that amending the Constitution would be a difficult process. "This is something that its crafters in

NO SMOOTH/A11



JAIME FlorCruz: CNN bureau chief in China.

Pinoy journalist sees edge in China coverage

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THANKS TO MARTIAL LAW, JAIME FlorCruz stumbled upon a "glamorous and exciting" job in China—a land he barely knew except for its Red Guards and people's communes when he first arrived as a leftist firebrand nearly four decades ago.

FlorCruz is CNN's Beijing bureau chief and correspondent for seven

PINOY/A7

Transport systems draw bigger projects

By Tessa R. Salazar
Property

BUY ONE, SODS TWO. THAT SEEMS to be the unique selling point of property developers hinging their residential projects on mass transport centers.

If you can afford to buy a condominium unit near your place of work, then do so. That would also solve the problem of your daily commute.

Patterned after those of Hong Kong and Singapore, the groundwork for transport-oriented developments (TODs) in the Philippines started about four years ago.

Several projects are already expected to be completed between now and December 2009, according to the

TRANSPORT/A17

Real estate

(Editor's Note: Let's not go there again. Times are tough. You know it. I know it. We're going through it. Enough said. It's time to do something. Now. And quick. The Inquirer's proposal: how— for every aspect of your life. Let us know about your own suggestions for something to get you through the tough times. If we are together, we can tough it out. Send suggestions to ...)

Project Editor: Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.

SPECIAL REPORT

Condos near MRT, LRT attract buyers

By Tessa R. Salazar
Property

LIVING NEAR COMMUTER TRAIN stations has become a big attraction for people who consider taking the fastest and cheapest mode of mass transportation in Metro Manila a necessity amid the traffic congestion and high cost of fuel.

Maria Luz Blanco Yao, an assistant vice president for corporate human resources of a company in Ortigas Center, Pasig, is one of those who have decided to buy a condominium unit near an MRT station on Edsa.

She bought a 33-square-meter condominium unit in Pioneer Woodlands just across from the Boni station in Mandaluyong City at a preselling price.

But Yao will have to wait until 2012 to enjoy the five-minute MRT trip from her condo to her place of work. She says she is willing to wait that long instead of buying an already built condo unit nearby.

Prices of all will certainly still be valuable by that time, she says. Other condominiums near the area will ce...

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Tillers file plunder raps vs Villars

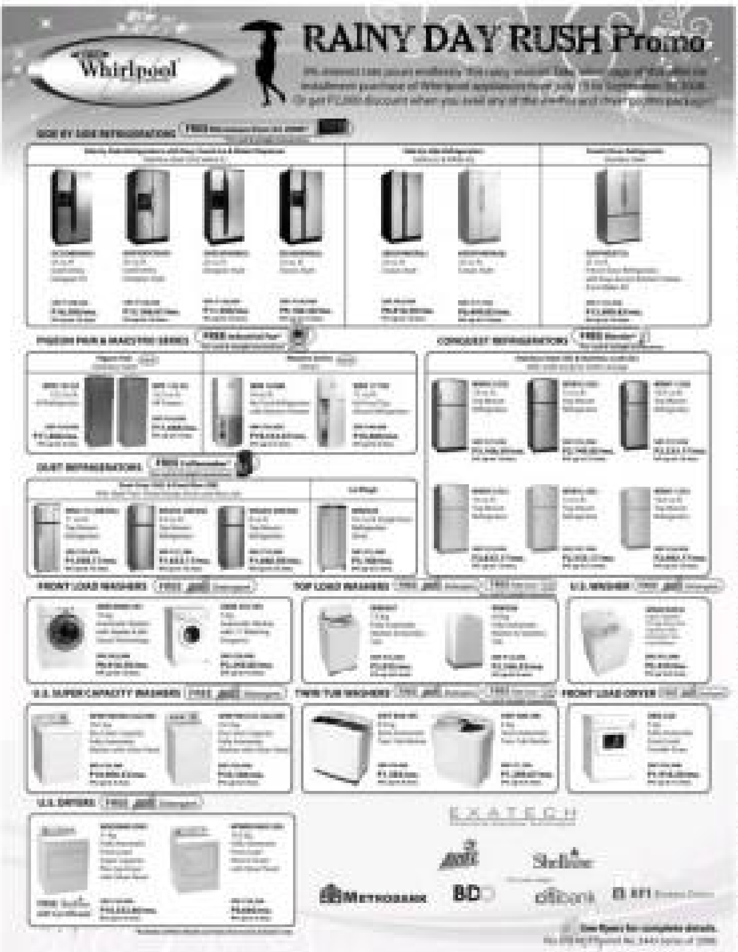
But couple say charges a rehash of case dismissed by Ombudsman

A FARMER'S GROUP HAS FILED A PLUNDER SUIT before the Ombudsman against Senate President Manuel Villar and his wife, Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar, for their alleged failure to repay a P1.5 billion loan with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) which led to the loss of their farmlands in Norzagaray, Bulacan.

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GMA has P13-B pork in next year's budget, says Drilon

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BFAD speeds up China milk tests

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Adverse effect on business



MOA moot, OSG tells SC







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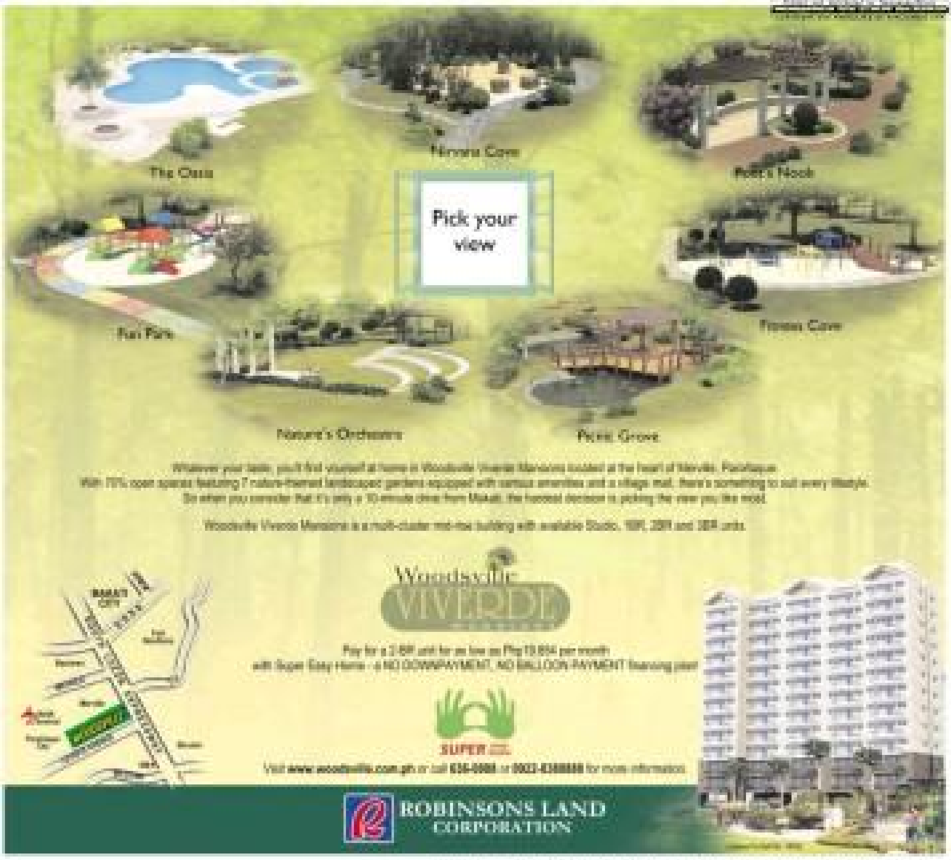
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Ex-PNP chief said to be newest nat'l security deputy

By Christine O. Avendaño

WILL HE EVER HAVE TIME TO take a vacation?

President Macapagal-Arroyo is poised to appoint newly retired Philippine National Police Director General Avelino Razon to the National Security Council (NSC), a Malacañang source said yesterday.

"Razon will be a deputy to National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales at the NSC," said the official, who asked not to be identified for lack of authority to speak on the matter.

Razon retired from the police service on Sept. 27 and was replaced by Jesus Verzosa.

But both Gonzales and Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita could not confirm Razon's appointment to the NSC.

"I have no idea," Ermita said.

In a separate phone interview, Gonzales said he had not been apprised of Razon's appointment.

But if it were true that Razon was going to the NSC, then he would be appointed deputy director general, according to Gonzales, who is director general of the agency.

Gonzales said Razon's entry to the NSC would be welcome as "he has a reputation of being a good police officer."

Actually, Gonzales said, he already had something in mind for Razon should he be named to the NSC.

He said that with his police experience, Razon could look into the sudden rise in petty crimes in the country, a common complaint made to him by local government executives.

"I promised to look at it and this would be a good opportunity should General Razon come in," Gonzales said.

Gonzales' deputies now are Senior Deputy Adviser Ellie Bitanho, Deputy Adviser Luis "Chavit" Singson and Arturo Lomibao, another former PNP chief.

Recruiters hail review of OFW ban to Iraq

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment's (DOLE) decision to rethink the ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Iraq was hailed yesterday as being long overdue.

"The legalization of our workers in that country would give them high salaries, proper protection and welfare measures like war risk insurance and bigger death benefits," recruitment consultant Emmanuel Geslani said.

Geslani said the majority of the documented workers who had good-paying jobs in Iraq were not happy with the Arroyo administration's decision to impose a deployment ban following the kidnapping of a Filipino worker three years ago.

Geslani said that according to the workers, their jobs had been taken over by Nepalese and Sri Lankans who can speak English and communicate well with the American soldiers.

"The government should scrap the ban on OFWs going to Iraq so it could open the door to more Filipinos who want to work there," Geslani said.

Margaux C. Ortiz

Senators press GSIS on disclosure of investments abroad

Hearing

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Court allows media suit vs Mike Arroyo to proceed

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS ALLOWED the preliminary hearing in the amended class suit filed by media practitioners against the President's husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, to proceed in the Makati Regional Trial Court.

The court dismissed Arroyo's petition seeking to overturn the Makati RTC's acceptance of the journalists' amended complaint in which they sought P123 million in damages for the group because of the First Gentleman's alleged violation of their right to press freedom.

The court thus lifted the preliminary injunction it had earlier issued and directed the Makati RTC to proceed with the case with dispatch.

The journalists, who include Inquirer columnists Conrado de Quiros and Ramon Tulfo, and media organizations Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism and Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, initiated the class suit after Arroyo lodged numerous libel cases against media practitioners.

Arroyo subsequently withdrew the libel suits after he underwent a risky heart operation.

In his petition, Arroyo had said the Makati RTC should not have admitted the amended complaint because the journalists failed to pay the correct docket fees for the original complaint, which stated that they were seeking P12.5 million each in damages.

He had contended that based on the number of journalists who sued him and the damages each one sought, the docket fees they should have paid totaled to P9 million. Since they failed to pay this amount, the court could not have acquired jurisdiction over the case and could not have proceeded with the suit, he said.

But in a Sept. 22 ruling by Justice Fernanda Lampas Peralta, the appellate court said the journalists who initiated the suit did not intend to avoid paying the correct docket fee. It said the journalists paid the docket fee based on the amount assessed by the clerk of court.

The court further said it was too early to say that there was bad faith when the amended complaint was filed.

It also said the preliminary hearing in the Makati RTC was the proper venue for Arroyo to present his evidence of bad faith when the media practitioners amended their complaint. During this hearing, the RTC could also order the amendment of the docket fees and order the journalists to pay the correct amount, it said.

No more bread price hikes till '09

A MAJOR BAKERS' group yesterday announced there would be no increase in the prices of bread products until the end of the year after flour millers promised to freeze the price of flour.

Lucito Chavez, vice president of the Philippine Federation of Bakers Associations Inc., said there would be no price movements, following the P1 hike in the price of loaf bread and the 5-centavo increase in the price of pan de sal which were implemented on Thursday.

"We are also competing with rice, which now costs less, so consumers can expect that bread prices will stay fixed at least until the year's end," he said.

The price of loaf bread currently ranges between P38 and P53 per 500 grams while pan de sal now costs P1.50 per 20 grams and P1.50 per 25 grams.

Chavez said the recent price hike was long overdue and was prompted not only by higher flour prices but also by the soaring cost of other raw materials, like cooking gas.

He said the flour millers group reduced the price of flour by only P12 per sack instead of the expected P50 that was more in keeping with the lower world market rates.

Allison W. Lopez

GMA aids family of accident victim

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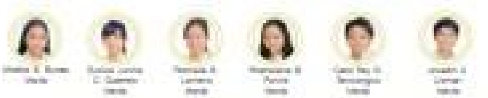
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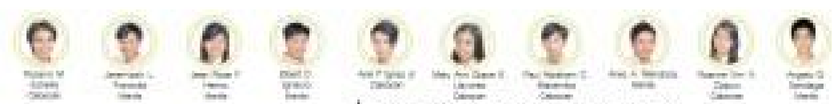


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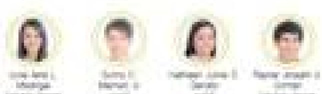


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Rescuers divert water from tunnel

ITOGON, BENGUET— Personnel of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau have started diverting the water that had accumulated inside a flooded mine tunnel here to hasten the search for 14 missing small-scale miners since Sept. 22.

Search operations resumed after strong rains in the town and rising water levels inside the Level 700 tunnel forced officials to stop search efforts on Saturday afternoon.

The bodies of two of the 16 missing miners were recovered and brought out of the tunnel on Thursday and Friday.

... chief of the MGB Cordillera's mine environment and safety division, said at least 2 kilometers of pipes had been used to drain the water from the tunnel and the pit where the missing miners were believed to have holed up.

"We're also looking for other sources of water flowing into the pit [so we can] plug [them]," ... said.

... a Philippine Navy diver, said rescuers had to bear with the stench of rotting flesh in the tunnel.

"The smell is unbearable and pieces of skin and flesh float on the water inside the tunnel," he said.

Over the weekend, over 100 local miners, rescue workers and Navy divers entered the tunnel in shifts to search for the missing miners.

On Saturday, the rescuers were less than 150 feet from the possible location of ... two of the missing miners, when conditions inside the tunnel worsened. Strong rains fell and water levels started to rise. George Bayeong, a government engineer leading the effort to find the miners, was forced to abort operations.

"The passageway to [the] ... is submerged in water. It's still too risky to proceed," he said.

The team was also nearing the tunnel's ... where another miner, ... was believed to have sought refuge.

Bayeong said the rescue teams were about 150 feet from ... but a waterfall was in the way of the vertical shaft leading to it. *—Sherwin ... Inquirer Northern Luzon*

OB-GYNs set meet

THE PHILIPPINE Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (PSREI) will hold its 15th annual convention ... at the ... Hotel ... in Makati City. Interested OB-GYNs may register onsite or call ...

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'Guns-for-hire emerging crime problems'

CAMP DANGWA, BENGUET—A TOP OFFICIAL OF the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission said two of the most pressing issues in his nationwide consultations are guns-for-hire and the use of minors as illegal drug couriers.



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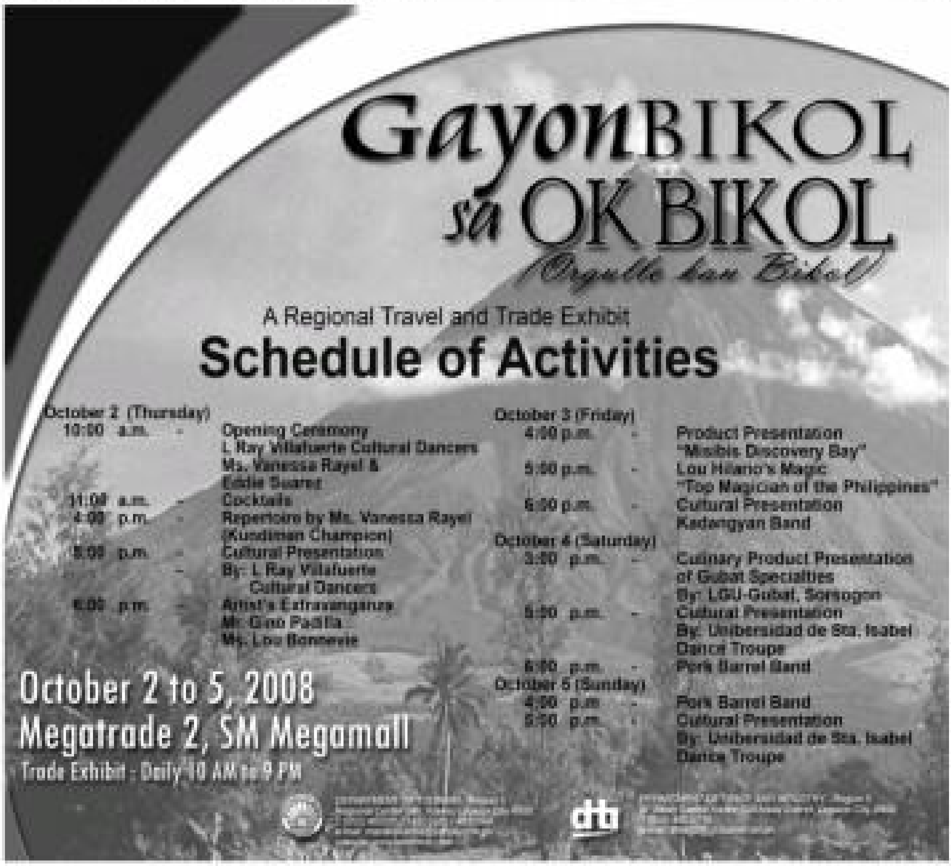
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MMDA OPINION

'40 kph speed limit on Edsa pointless'



HAZARD TO TRICYCLE PASSENGERS, MOTORISTS

By DJ Yap

ENFORCING THE SPEED limit of 40 kilometers per hour on Edsa is a pointless exercise, considering the large volume of vehicles on the highway and the lack of radars to monitor car speeds, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority officials said yesterday.

"There are so many vehicles on Edsa that motorists cannot accelerate much at all," MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said.

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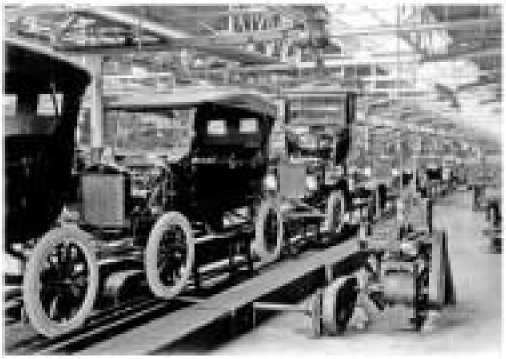
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Bomb hits New Delhi market

NEW DELHI—A BOMB EXPLODED IN A crowded market in India's capital New Delhi on Saturday, killing two people and wounding 22 others, police said.

The government described it as an "act of terror."

Witness Raj Singh Dassani said he saw two men on a motorcycle drop a black plastic bag that was picked up by a boy.

"We ran after the men telling them 'uncle, uncle you dropped something,'" Dassani said. "Immediately after, there was a huge explosion. The boy's head was blown off."

Police said the second victim was a 60-year-old man who died in hospital.

The bomb left a crater in the road. Police cordoned off the blast site to keep away a crowd of hundreds of people. Many, including wailing women, tried to break through the cordon.

People were seen walking in blood-stained shirts. Locals carried the injured to hospital. Bomb experts picked through debris for clues and sniffer dogs were brought in.

The street in Mehrauli, where the bombing took place, is a mixed area with small mosques and some ancient stone Muslim buildings mixed in with small shops and homes, and close to the Qutub Minar monument which attracts thousands of tourists.

Police evacuated people from all major markets in the city and said ammonium nitrate could have been used in the blast. Reuters

Somalia pirates seize Ukraine ship carrying tanks, ammunition

NAIROBI, KENYA—FOR A MOMENT, the pirates must have thought that they had really struck gold—Somalia-style.

The gun-toting, seafaring thieves, who routinely pounce on cargo ships bobbing along on the Indian Ocean, suddenly found themselves in command of a vessel crammed with $30 million worth of grenade launchers, piles of ammunition, even battle tanks.

But this time, they may have gotten far more than they bargained for. Unlike so many other hijackings off the coast of Somalia that have gone virtually unnoticed—and unpunished—the attack on Thursday evening on the Faina, a Ukrainian vessel bringing military equipment to Kenya, has provoked the wrath of two of the most powerful militaries on the planet.

The US Navy was in hot pursuit of the ship on Friday. And the Russians were not far behind.

Somalia's 1,880-mile coastline is crawling with pirates, a serious problem given that so much of the country is dependent on emergency food aid, which comes mostly by ship.

The pirates are highly organized. They seem to strike with increasing impunity, grabbing everything from sailing yachts to oil tankers. They then usually demand millions of dollars in ransom for the ships and their crews.

And people usually pay—a response that Somali and Western officials say is fueling the problem. This year is one of the worst on record, with more than 50 ships attacked, 25 hijacked and at least 14 currently being held by pirates. The waters off Somalia are now considered the most dangerous in the world.

As for the Faina, it may have looked like the kind of slow-moving, easy prey that pirates have hit time and time again. But its heavy [illegible] that can be easily passed off at port. NYT



The WORLD

Obama taking ground amid meltdown

WASHINGTON—JUST FIVE WEEKS FROM ELECtion day, Democrat Barack Obama is making ground in battleground states and slowly tilting the US political map in his direction, new polling data shows.

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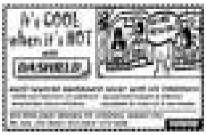
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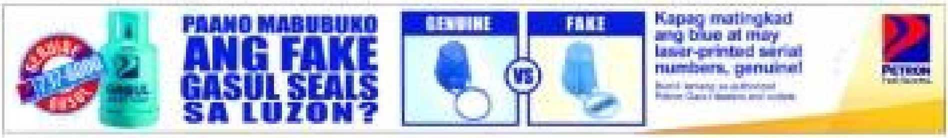
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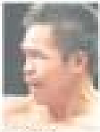
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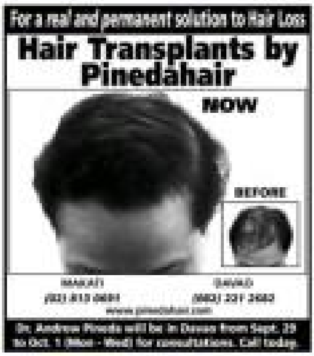


Pacman shrugs off delays

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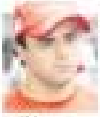
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RP exports to Japan up 5.9% to $5.35B as of July

By [illegible] P. Domingo

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO Japan grew by 5.9 percent to $5.35 billion in the seven months to July while critics of the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement, which is pending in the Senate, said the deal remained unconstitutional despite remedial steps by Tokyo and Manila.

Also, the Japan External Trade Organization, cited data from the Ministry of Finance which show that imports from Japan increased by 13.3 percent to [illegible] billion.

In the comparative seven-month period, Japan's surplus on trade with the Philippines reached about [illegible] million or about six times the amount seen in the same period last year.

As of end-July, shipments from the Philippines accounted for 1.2 percent of Japan's total imports valued at some $441.27 billion.

Also, Japan's merchandise exports sent to the Philippines accounted for 1.2 percent of Japan's total exports of $479.4 billion.

In July alone, exports to Japan increased by 8.7 percent to $791.7 million compared to the same month in 2007.

In the same month, imports from Japan went up by 15.1 percent to [illegible] million, pegging Japan's surplus on trade with the Philippines at [illegible] million.

Meanwhile, the multisectoral Fair Trade Alliance lambasted Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago for recommending a simple Senate concurrence to Jpepa after an "exchange of notes" between the foreign ministries of the Philippines and Japan.

Santiago claimed that "the notes had adequately resolved the constitutional flaws of the Jpepa—which she had previously made as a reason for the Senate to stop deliberations on ratification—simply because of Tokyo and Manila's shared understanding of the interpretation of Jpepa," the FTA said in a statement.

"With all due respect, the Exchange of Notes is but a piece of paper, as it is [illegible] legally [illegible] to curing the constitutional flaws in Jpepa," the group said.

FTA maintains that the Jpepa, as currently worded, gives the Japanese rights to full ownership of Philippine lands, unhampered exploration and development of Philippine minerals and other resources, unrestricted access in the management of Philippine public utilities and mass media, and equal treatment in the exploitation of Philippine territorial waters—all of which the constitution does not allow.

FTA said the exchange of notes expressly provides that it "does not modify the rights and obligations of the parties under the provisions of the Jpepa."

"The Exchange of Notes is not an agreement between the parties and is not considered an integral part of Jpepa," FTA said. "Clearly, this failed to cure the unsatisfactory provisions of Jpepa."

"We call on the Senate to defer any further hearing or deliberation on the Jpepa until the treaty is truly [illegible]," FTA said. "We push for a genuine renegotiation, not a [illegible] and [illegible] exchange of notes."

Splash, IDS strike distribution deal

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lazaro

PERSONAL CARE FIRM SPLASH Corp. has entered into a memorandum of understanding with distributor IDS Philippines Inc. (IDSP) for the latter to exclusively carry Splash products.

Splash said in a disclosure that IDSP's expertise extends to a wide variety of industry segments, including consumer goods, healthcare, footwear and apparel, wine and spirits and retail logistics.

In a separate statement, Splash said it hopes to capture additional revenues of up to P500 million a year from the agreement.

"By expanding our distribution—to various sari-sari stores, market stalls and the like, we are able to bring our innovative and value-differentiated products especially closer to them," Splash president Rosalis Gotiaoc said.

AC Nielsen said in a July 2008 report that Splash is the market leader in various categories: Skin whitening lotion with SkinWhite (26 percent), colognes with Maxipeel, (31 percent) and in the hair coloring dye with Bioderm (38 percent).

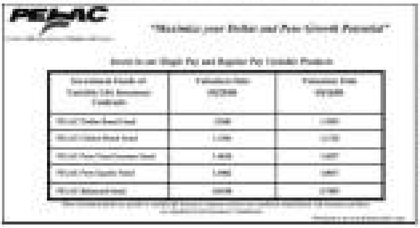
Splash products are available in supermarkets, groceries, drugstores and department stores nationwide.

Splash Corp. went public in November last year, raising nearly P2 billion from the sale of new shares. The funds raised were used for its aggressive brand building efforts, product research and development and the acquisition of brands.













Waterfront considers stake in Pagcor City project

Basic Energy signs deal with German company



Gov't seen to miss medium-term tax effort target

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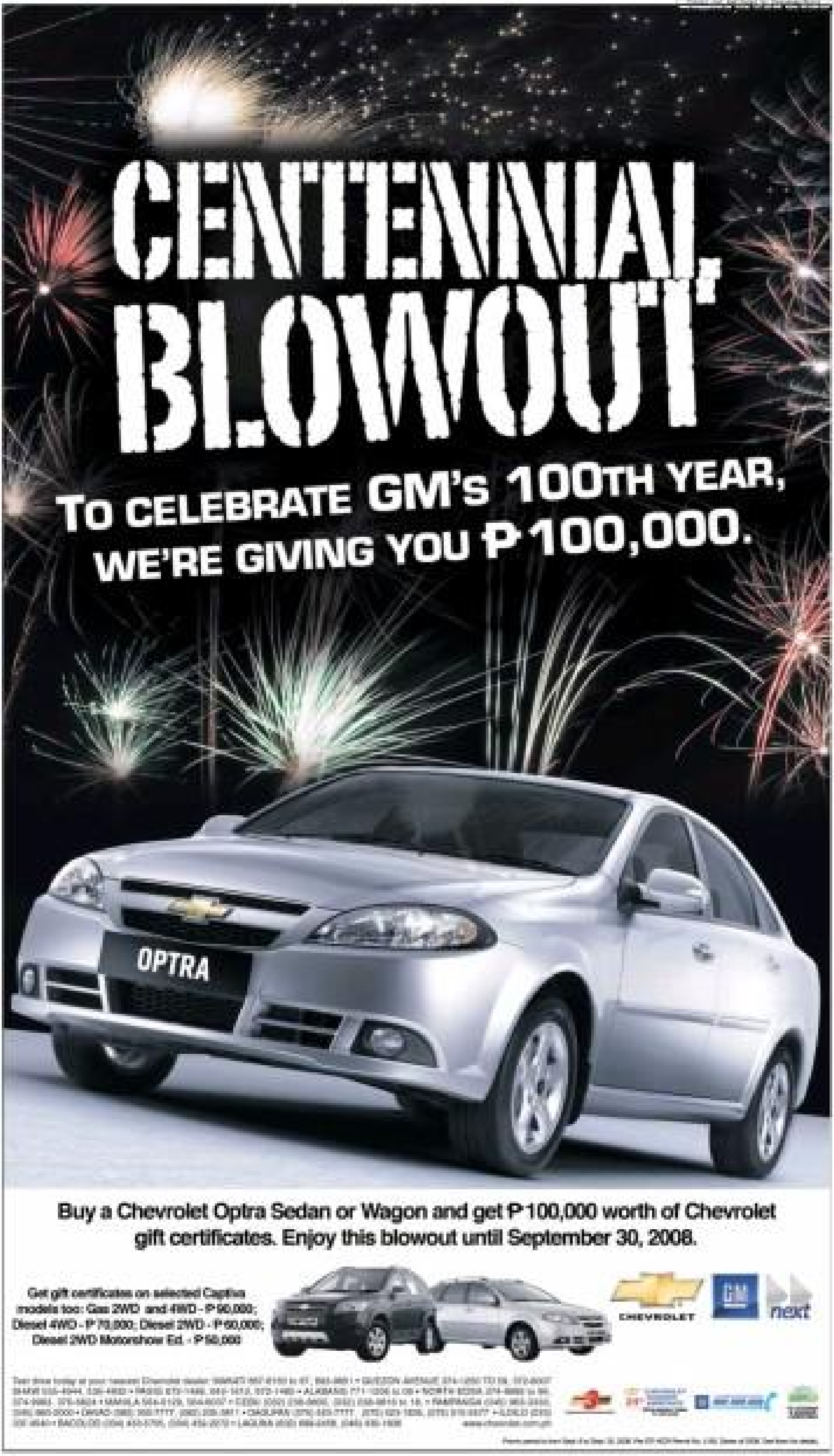
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Joys of tax-free saving and investing

New law to allow Pinoys to have a retirement fund that lets money compound

By Ma. Salvo Dugtio
Inquirer

THE LAND OF SMILES CALLED THE Philippines is no happy place for a small saver or investor. This is a sentiment that has often been repeated among low-income groups to academicians to Makati-type executives.

It's not just that developing the discipline to save regularly requires much sacrifice; [illegible]

A new law called the Personal Equity Retirement Account (Pera) Bill is pregnant with promise to change all that. [illegible]

Nest egg

Republic Act No. [illegible] [illegible]

Pera Bill

The Pera Bill has the potential to make the poor [illegible]

Maximize benefits

Although the IRR for the Pera Bill has yet to come out, here are some strategies you can use to maximize its benefits:

1. Start early. The Pera Bill encourages long-term savings because contributions will only benefit if the money stays there until 55 years of age. [illegible]

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Transformational leadership

By Ma. Josephine C. Francisco
Contributor

WORKPLACE WISDOM

GLOBAL COMPETITION highlights the importance of organizational innovation, flexibility and responsiveness to changing external conditions. The need to revitalize and reinvent organizations has led to an increasing interest in the ability of leaders to transform organizations.

According to Kouzes and Posner, authors of "The Leadership Challenge," five behaviors characterize transformational leaders. They challenge the process, inspire a shared vision, enable others to act, model the way and encourage the heart.

A study of 132 Filipino supervisor-subordinate pairs and results reveal that the more the leader exhibits transformational behaviors, the higher the levels of follower job satisfaction, trust in leader, and organizational commitment.

Impact of behavior

How do transformational leader behaviors influence employee attitudes? When a leader challenges, enables, inspires, models and encourages, he creates opportunities for work to serve a higher sense of purpose. Transformational leader behaviors create opportunities for followers to be treated as human individuals with unique dignity and worth. Workers do not feel a sense of powerlessness in being treated like a "thing" that gets paid for services rendered.

The behavior of leaders arouses the emotions of followers, making them feel more confident, significant, powerful, alive, and excited in their work. These behaviors create conditions that motivate and energize followers in their work, build and sustain trust in the leader as well as cultivate commitment to organization.

By expanding follower needs and focusing on a common vision, transformational leaders elevate their subordinates from being dependent on them to being responsible, and self-governing individuals. They become receptive to greater responsibilities and committed to leaders' their values.

Developing leaders

How does one become a transformational leader? The good news is that transformational leadership is less about personality and more about behaviors of leaders. Behaviors such as thinking critically, envisioning and communicating a vision, and empowering and motivating others can be learned and developed.

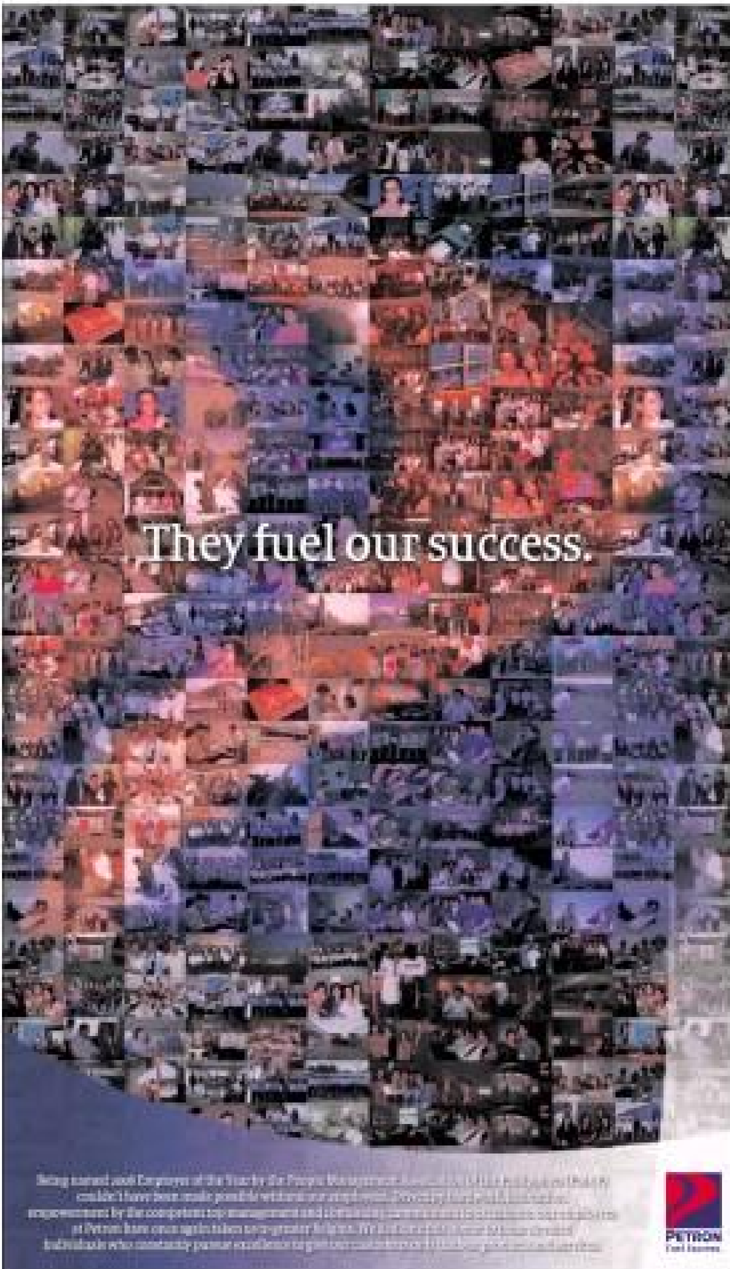
This implies that organizations can benefit from investing in leadership development programs that are geared toward developing transformational leaders. Training programs on change management, organization development, strategic planning, leadership, and managing teams are some ways to hone transformational leadership behaviors.

These transformational leadership behaviors can be developed through role modeling, coaching and counseling and think-tank experiences.

Beyond training programs and development methods, however, transformational leadership requires an empowering culture.

Organization policies, structures, and values can facilitate and promote participation and engagement of employees. In a highly relational culture such as ours, they key may lie in our social bonds and touch the emotions of followers by energizing them, rekindling their creativity and growing their confidence and spirit to work.

(Francisco has a master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Ateneo de Manila University. This article is an abridged version of a study featured in the Ateneo CORD's book, The Way We Work (Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2003). For feedback about this article please e-mail ateneocord@admu.edu.ph.)



Petron Corporation is awarded Employer of the Year

Petron Corporation bagged this year's **Employer of the Year** award after being judged by the **People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP)** as a company that has exceedingly fulfilled its people management responsibilities. Petron was given recognition based on a stringent set of criteria that includes: a.) Effective human resources programs that contributed to the overall development of the company, b.) Leadership that drives the company's mission and vision, and empowers its employees to deliver business goals, as well as good corporate governance, c.) The business performance of the company vis-à-vis its mission and people-related programs, d.) Petron's thrust to nurture learning among its employees and, e.) For the participation of its employees in sustainable CSR projects that have positively contributed to the community.

In tandem with Petron's award for Employer of the Year, its Human Resources Management Department Manager Ms. Cristina Menorca was also awarded as the People Manager of the Year. This honor is bestowed upon a people manager who has distinguished herself in the field of Human Resource Management, in particular for her contribution in the advancement of sound people management practices.

Petron's win is largely a product of a mutually beneficial partnership between the employees and the employer. At Petron, each and every employee—from the administrative staff, to the middle and top management—is highly involved in delivering world-class petroleum products and services to its many loyal customers. It is also a company that encourages its employees to give back to the community by involving employees in all levels of the organization in its CSR projects.

The Employer of the Year award was given to Petron Corporation last September 16, 2008 during the PMAP convention held at the Baguio Country Club, Baguio City.

Battle to fly the friendly skies heats up

The joys of tax-free...



Battle to fly the friendly skies heats up



SEAIR president Avelino Zapanta briefs passengers who were on the inaugural flight to Basco, Batanes. [illegible]

By [illegible]

COMPETITION FOR THE RIGHT TO FLY the friendly skies has never been more intense with big carriers like Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific slugging it out in the tourism and travel markets against smaller firms like Air Philippines, Southeast Asian Airlines and Asian Spirit.

To ward off the real threat posed by bigger, more moneyed companies, smaller carriers have had to come up with imaginative sales and marketing campaigns and find their own special niche in the growing air travel market to stay alive.

Seair believes that it has found that niche in the tourism market with the Manila to Caticlan, Boracay route as its flagship product. But this does not mean that Seair will stop there.

Seair president and CEO Avelino L. Zapanta shares with Inquirer's Business Monday the company's plans to expand even as rival firms say that it will only be a matter of time before the company folds. As far as Zapanta is concerned, rumors of Seair's death have been greatly exaggerated.

Q: How would you describe the growth of Seair from the time it started?

A: It started as a charter airline with very small aircraft. In the last five years, when it engaged in scheduled operation, the growth has been robust. That is why we are planning more expansion.

Q: Rival airlines have said that Seair will soon fall by the wayside because of increased competition. Would you agree?

A: One competitor predicted we'd be knocked out before 2007 ended. We're still around. [illegible]

[illegible]

Q: What do you think makes Seair an airline of choice?

A: [illegible]

[illegible]

Q: How does Seair market itself to reach clients?

A: [illegible]

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The Masigasig Entrepreneurial Spirit Lives On!

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Globe firmly believes in the growing role of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in nation building. This is the reason why Globe in partnership with DTI endeavored to give honor to the country's outstanding businesses with the 2008 Most Outstanding MSME / Masigasig Awards.

Through the recognition of exemplary entrepreneurship, DTI and Globe are encouraging more entrepreneurs to follow their dreams and strive to succeed, opening the door to a bigger world of opportunities, and pave the way to new heights and greater success.

The 3 Regional Winners

The nationwide search for this year's Outstanding MSMEs has culminated in the awarding of three regional winners representing the country's main island groups. The Outstanding MSME Award for Luzon was bagged by Natomo Manufacturing of La Union, Capiz Multi-Purpose Cooperative (CMPC) grabbed the Outstanding MSME Award for Visayas, and Zaragoza Foods Corporation of Zamboanga del Norte was conferred the Outstanding MSME Award for Mindanao.

Aside from trophies and cash prizes, the regional winners were given special accommodation at the Richmonde Hotel in Ortigas Center, Pasig City. They will also be featured in the October issue of Masigasig Magazine, Globe Business' exclusive publication designed for small to medium businesses.



THE 3 REGIONAL WINNERS: [illegible] of Capiz Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc.; Marcelo Masaoto, Sr. of Natomo Manufacturing and Marissa Uy of Zaragoza Foods Corporation.



2008 OUTSTANDING MSME/MASIGASIG AWARDEE: From above: Natomo Manufacturing's [illegible] Masaoto (2nd from left) and Marcelo Masaoto, Sr. (4th from left) together with (from left) [illegible], Regional Director of DTI Region 1; [illegible], Chairman of Small Business Corporation; [illegible], DTI Undersecretary; Marisol Yaneza, Globe Business; and [illegible], Vice Chairman and SMB Representative to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council.

The Masigasig Awardee

From among the three regional winners, one was chosen as the 2008 Most Outstanding MSME/Masigasig Awardee. Natomo Manufacturing bested its competition and emerged as the country's top MSME / Globe Masigasig Awardee. Natomo Manufacturing's significant accomplishments plus its resiliency in the face of challenges, business creativity, and contribution to nation building by generating jobs for Filipinos are some of the factors that made it this year's grand winner.

Considered as a sector leader in La Union's metal craft industry, Natomo Manufacturing is most famous for its Super Biomass Stove also known as "Super Kalan," an innovative stove that uses practically all combustible materials like charcoal, twigs, corn husks, and old newspapers, among others.



Marcelo Masaoto, Sr. inventor of Super Biomass Stove also known as "Super Kalan."

As a Masigasig Awardee, Natomo Manufacturing was awarded a Globe postpaid account with 1 year free Monthly Service Fee, a trophy, a Globe Mobility Bundle, which included a wireless Internet connection via Globe Visibility free for 12 months, plus an accumulated prize money amounting to P[illegible].

The Awarding Ceremony

The awarding ceremony was held at the culmination of the Small and Medium Enterprise Development (SMED) Week last July [illegible] at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall. Aside from the Masigasig Awards, the SMED Week also saw the launching of the New MSME Initiatives: Philippine Business Registry and MSME Information Materials and the opening of the Third One Town, One Product (OTOP) Luzon Island Fair.

In her message to the Masigasig awardees, Marisol Yaneza, Corporate and SME Segments Head of Globe Business thanked the winners "for teaching the Filipinos how to achieve success despite the odds."

"Your success is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit and flair alive in the country. Working with you has taught Globe the nature of Filipino success," she added.



GLOBE Business Corporate and SME Segments Head, Marisol Yaneza delivering her message to the Masigasig Awardees.



FINAL JUDGING FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING MSME/MASIGASIG AWARD. Standing, from left: [illegible], Deputy Executive Director for Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship; [illegible], Head of Globe Business; [illegible], First Vice President and Head Corporate Communications Department of [illegible] Development Bank; [illegible], Chairperson of Commission on the Role of Filipino Women; [illegible], Vice President for Publishing of Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation; [illegible], Vice President for MCR of Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Seated, from left: [illegible] Masaoto, Marcelo Masaoto, Sr. of Natomo Manufacturing; [illegible] of Capiz Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc.; and Marissa Uy of Zaragoza Foods Corporation.

BUSINESS Monday

G'day, mate! How's trade Down Under?

A look at Australian-Philippine economic relations through the years

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

GEOGRAPHICALLY, THE PHILIPPINES is much nearer to Australia than the United States.

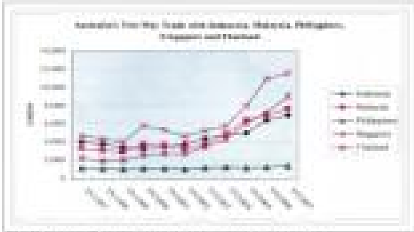
Historically, the two countries may have had the same forebears who traversed the region, crossing land bridges that connected one place to another.

But neither country has never had the other on top of its radar screen.

Yet untapped opportunities abound between the two.

Trade relations

Trade between the two countries have not moved for a decade. The table below clearly illustrates this.



TRADE between the two countries has been dismal over the past 11 years.

What RP buys from Australia

(as of year 2007-2008)

Dairy A$134.65 million

Cereals, crops and pulses A$55 million

Meat, livestock and animal products $38.9

Alcoholic beverages A$4.3 million

Sugar, Cocoa and Confectionery A$5 million

What Australia buys from RP

Horticulture (nuts, tobacco, vegetables, coffee, fruit) A$26.98 million

Cereal, crops and pulses A$19.23 million

INTERESTING to note that while Australia is the milk-producing country, trade data show that the Philippines sold more ice cream to the continent than it bought.

Two-way trade between the two countries, meaning total value of goods and services bought and sold, totaled A$1.5 billion annually from 1997 to 2007.

In fiscal year July 2007 to June 2008, trade between the two countries totaled A$2.14 billion, with the Philippines buying A$1.28 million worth of products, and Australia buying A$753 million of RP goods.

In comparison, Australia's trade with Thailand grew from just above $2 billion in 1997 to over $9 billion in 2007.

Topography and products of the Philippines and Thailand are similar.

One cannot therefore say that there are no avenues for trade because the Philippines' Asean neighbors, in particular, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia, have all been increasing trade with Australia.

Both Singapore and Thailand have inked bilateral trade agreements with Australia. The Philippines, being an Asean member, will have to rely on the Asean-Australia-New Zealand-Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) signed last Aug. 28, to seek ways to increase sales of its goods and services to Australia.

Two-way trade between Australia and the Asean amounted to $71 billion last year, with the Philippines getting less than three percent of the pie.

Australian Trade Minister Simon Crean is going for about the AANZFTA, which he believes will increase trade between the two countries. Beyond this, he says, the 10-month-old government of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd (Labor) is committed to increasing bilateral ties with the region.

Rudd speaks a few Asian languages and is keen on increasing trade relations with Asia.

"The Philippines is a crucial country in the region from a trade perspective, as well as a strategic perspective," says Crean.

In fact Crean and Australia's Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith, are coming to Manila early next month for the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting.

"What we hope to get is a commitment to deepen and broaden relations between the two countries," Crean told the Inquirer and ABS-CBN during a recent interview in Canberra. "I think trade between the two countries is a bit under done, and yet there is a very strong interest in the mining sector, in the context of growth of your economy and emergence of the middle class for example.

"There are big opportunities in education, services. It's not just the agriculture dimension we're talking about here. The Philippines is becoming a diversified, sophisticated economy and we can broaden relations to recognize opportunities across all sectors—agriculture, capital manufacturing, services."

Crean says one door that is opened by the month-old AANZFTA is the automotive sector.

Thailand has been exporting automotive parts to Australia, boosted primarily after the two countries signed a bilateral agreement.

"There are real opportunities and the Philippines can be a component of that."

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AUSTRALIAN Trade Minister Simon Crean





Execs to pioneer seaside renewal

Forum tackles workplace biases



P & P sets sights on Asian market

Firm helps in bus group's ride to success

SE W980 wins Best European Music Phone



G'day, mate! How's trade Down Under?

Still not crazy over Philippine bananas



Exec wants rules to encourage eco-friendly products

MOVEMENTS

AMI Alliance appoints chair

HK Express appoints GSA

Bar exam placer goes to P & A

Forum tackles ...

Come to an early Christmas appliance shopping spree

IT'S 85 days before Christmas and before the happiest occasion in the world take place, we advise you to buy your dream gadgets and the latest appliances at shopping exhibition cooked up by Automatic Centre and BPI at the Market! Market!



A leading credit card provider BPI Express Credit and premier appliance provider Automatic Centre stages this tremendous madness at the Market! Market! which starts today and will end on October 15.

On exhibit at Market! Market!'s Activity Center are the latest appliances and gadgets of top-of-the-line brands like Hanabishi, Toshiba, Condura, Kelvinator, Elba, Pioneer, La Germania, Bells, Bose, Samsung, Whirlpool, Panasonic, Electrolux, LG, Sony, Philips Gadgets, Cresco, Carrier, Rolex, Midea, Markes, LaZ-Boy and BV Link to showcase their best.

BPI Express Credit understands this and responds by staging the BPI and Automatic Centre exhibit showcasing the widest array of appliances, and gadgets all under one roof.

At the event a wide array of appliances, and other gadgets can be purchased by BPI cardholders and they can charge their purchases worth at least P3,000 to BPI's Special Installment Plan (S.I.P.). Using the S.I.P. feature, BPI Express Credit cardholders will also get to enjoy 0% interest on selected products from 3 to 24 months terms.

While other credit cards impose a finance charge on installment purchases, BPI Express Credit has a separate credit line for S.I.P. purchases which is not subject to finance charge, thus allowing cardholders to enjoy real zero percent interest, absolutely no hidden charges.

As added bonus, qualified BPI Express Credit cardholders can enjoy an increased promotional credit limit of up to 3x their regular credit limit when using their card at the BPI/Automatic Centre Market! Market! exhibit and at the ongoing BPI Installment Madness. This allows them to purchase their appliance or gadget through an affordable and convenient payment scheme.

BPI Installment Madness is also currently being held at the Glorietta Activity Center, Ayala Center, Makati from September 26 to October 12, 2008.

Don't wait till Christmas to acquire and enjoy the precious items on your Christmas wish list, such as LCD, Plasma TV, ranges, refrigerators, home theater systems, music players, and other exciting gadgets. Go to BPI Automatic Centre at the Market! Market! Exhibit now and have your Christmas list of appliance come true.



[illegible] Automatic Centre's Christmas Raffle, 7107 Islands Shipping Corp. is the official sponsor for the [illegible] trips for two to Palawan with accommodation that will be given away in Automatic Centre's upcoming Christmas Raffle promotion. Shown here during the signing of the agreement between 7107 Islands Shipping Corp. and Automatic Centre are [illegible].

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Shopwise turns 10

SHOPWISE, THE HYPERMART known for a wide range of fun, fresh and affordable merchandise, celebrates its 10th anniversary.

The pioneer in hypermarket operations in the Philippines, Shopwise began operations in November, 1998 at Festival Supermall. Since then, it has grown to seven branches located in Alabang, Makati, Libis, Araneta Center, Antipolo, Harrison Plaza and Sucat in Parañaque. It has also taken over the management of 20 Rustan's Supermarket stores.

Shopwise is a member of the Rustan Group of Companies, a diversified retail conglomerate and the second largest broad lines retailer in the Philippines.

A brainchild of pioneering entrepreneur, Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco Sr., founder of Rustan's, Shopwise opened its anchor store with a dynamic team led by then general manager Donnie Tantoco and wife, Crickette.



SHOPWISE is the brainchild of Ambassador Bienvenido R. Tantoco Sr. With him is Donnie V. Tantoco.



THE HUSBAND and wife team of Donnie and Crickette Tantoco made Shopwise a household name.



COLORFUL towels



BUY THINGS for your baby

Shopwise has won widespread recognition, including Best Retailer in the Hypermarket category of the 2005 Outstanding Filipino Retailer awards.

Anniversary promo

To mark its 10th year, Shopwise will hold a promotion Shop Crazy from Sept. 30 to Nov. 10. Every week, from Tuesdays to Sundays, one instant prize will be given away. There will also be three products to be featured at "crazy" prices. Hundreds of other items will be on sale. Customers can check the leading broadsheets every Tuesday and Friday for the week's offers.

"Shopwise has always been known for its exciting promotions. This time, however, we are more focused on offering everyday low prices, blockbuster offers, markdowns, and spectacular gifts," says Yasmin Yu, vice president of marketing.



BREADS and pastries are freshly-baked everyday



TOYS for your kids

Renovations

Customers can now roam Shopwise's wider, more brightly-lit aisles. Fresh sections are bigger. The new deli section, which has a dining area, is now more prominent. New glass showcase chillers have been added to feature a wider selection of deli and cheese products.

A new air-conditioned section called the Vineyard houses a fine

SHOPWISE C2

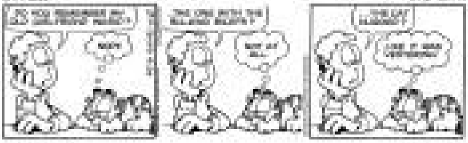


THE "modern palengke" concept in the retail selling area



FRESH produce

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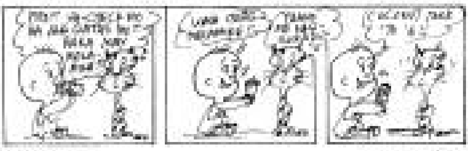
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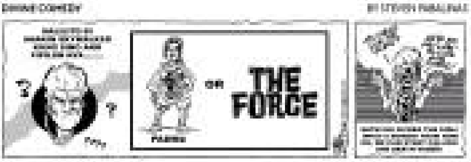
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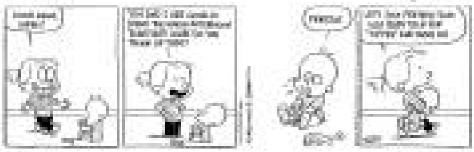
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DIVINE COMEDY



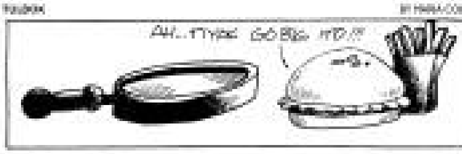
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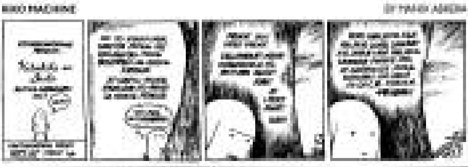
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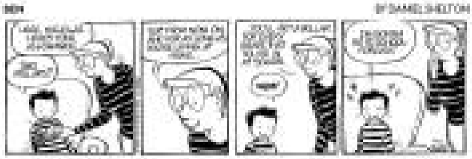
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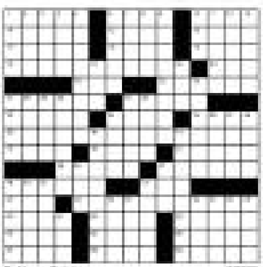
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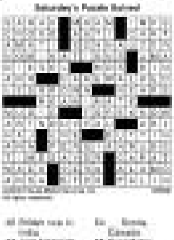
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DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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Difficulty Level ★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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Various artists at Botong's

BOTONG'S UP BISTORANT, AN ART gallery restaurant, presents the works of Daniel Aligaen, Anton Balao, Allan Balisi, Melvin Culaba, Jigger Cruz, Don Dalmacio, Norman Dreo, Anthony Fernandez, Mark Andy Garcia, Reil Dimaio, Wilfredo Offemaria, Lyngel Pleno, Brenda Fajardo and Mike Pacarro.

Botong's Up, which opened in August, was inspired by one of the country's National Artists, the great Botong Francisco. The wordplay also refers to the usual celebratory call to drum one's drink with gusto.

The exhibit runs until Oct. 5. Botong's Up is at G/F A. Venue Mall, Makati Ave. (across Alexdaon Court), Makati City. E-mail botongsup@gmail.com or call 7516189.



"EMPLOYEE Number 82," by Daniel Aligaen





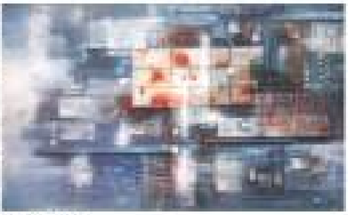
"REFLECTION of Botong," by Anton Balao; and, above, "Tinding," by Brenda Fajardo

Edgar Doctor's 'Diary of New York'

IT IS THROUGH TRAVELING THAT one's eyes are open to different insights. In Edgar Doctor's 32nd one-man show "Diary of New York," the acclaimed artist rendered on canvas the different experiences he had during his stay in the Big Apple. From the dynamic mood of Times Square to the gentle surroundings of New York's public parks, Doctor successfully captures the spirit of this colorful city.

"Diary of New York" will formally open Sept. 20, 6 p.m., at Crucible Gallery, 4/F, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. It will run until Oct. 12.

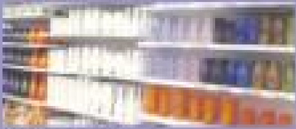
Cathy Sto. Domingo



"SKYSCRAPER" 1



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Fresh fruits

Shopwise turns 10

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line of affordable wines and liquor from all over the world. This 24/7 temperature-controlled section ensures that the quality of the wines is preserved at all times.

"We blew up some departments like electronics and home, while shrinking others like fashion, where the selections now exist faster. We added new fixtures that would allow customers to find items more easily, displayed according to size and color with one price point. We streamlined the assortment of electronic products, but added more choices," says Manuel Aliento, vice president for store operations.

Shopwise is the first to introduce the "wet-market" concept into the retail selling area where fresh products are sold in a hygienic, air-conditioned and modern setting at prices comparable to a wet market. It also pioneered the "tingi-tingi" section in the Fresh departments, which allowed customers to buy by the kilo, gram or piece.

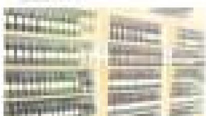
Shopwise was also the first to introduce a mass-based loyalty program called The Wise Card, and subsequently, the Elite program for top customers, with benefits such as exclusive items for members, exclusive sales and free snacks. Shopwise was the first to publish its own lifestyle magazine (from 2000 to 2006), which was distributed for free to all loyalty card members.

Over a year ago, Shopwise introduced its earth-friendly, reusable bags. Customers are given double points on their loyalty cards as their reward for using these bags.

"We established Shopwise with the vision of providing 'Quality for All,' especially for the [illegible]. The vision is even more relevant today as we endeavor to help alleviate some of the distress our customers may be experiencing because of the challenging economic situation," says Donnie Tantoco, president. "We will continue to do everything in our power to make their lives fruitful, [illegible] for themselves and their children, home items, and special treats for their family after store."



MASS-BASED loyalty program called The Wise Card



A FINE line of affordable wines and liquor from all over the world

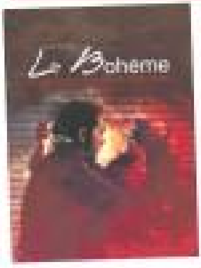


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'La Boheme' made new

IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE opera more accessible to the modern audience while remaining true to the original score, Philippine Opera Company and the Cultural Center of the Philippines has transported Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme" to a modern-day gathering of young independent artists in Manila in search of their rightful place under the sun.

Rodolfo is now an indie art director and Mimi a struggling artist on the big screen.

The storyline is simple enough: Mimi and Rodolfo find love, lose love and then find love again at the end of the play, right before Mimi dies.

LA BOHEME / C4

'WEST SIDE STORY'

Singing louts and lovers

By Gibbs Cadiz

DOES THE POP BALLADEER CHRISTIAN Bautista strike you as a gang member in a past life—a singalander even?

If you can get past the idea of the lanky, unfinished, clean-cut Bautista as Tony, founder no less of the roughhousing street-chaps The Jets in Repertory's production of

SINGING LOUTS / C4

The opera odyssey of Gary del Rosario



He played a minor part in Tinio's celebrated production of 'La Boheme' in the '90s. On Oct. 3, he will play Rodolfo











'La Boheme' made new



100 Kwentong Peyups



Bonifacio joins 'Conspiracy'

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

THE CONSPIRACY CAFÉ-BAR (59 Visayas Ave., Quezon City) was launched in late 2004 by six well-known folksingers and their friends, and has since become a kind of mini-concert venue for the arts, a favorite watering hole of artists, writers, students, professors, media persons, and the NGO (nongovernment organizations) crowd.

These habitués come to dine, drink, listen to the music, or just jam with the musicians.

For instance, one night, poet Arnold Azurin came up with a [illegible] imitation of Elvis Presley.

The over 150 shareholders include Joey Ayala, [illegible], Gary Granada, Cynthia Alexander, Noel Cabangon and Cookie Chua, lead vocalist of "Color It Red."

Of these, it is only Cabangon, the NGO darling, who sings regularly (every Wednesday) at Conspiracy. The others may perform from time to time, or even frequently but do not want to be tied down to a regular schedule.

Another regular feature is Writers' Night, held every Tuesday. The writers read their poems, do monologues or even sing (like poet [illegible] with his "[illegible]" or standards translated into Filipino), and stage one-act plays.

Performers may include members of writers' organizations from leading schools, and not just the elite institutions.

"The demographic profile or age group changes with each performer," noted café manager Tito M. de Quiros, a music educator. "Joey (Ayala) will have his own crowd, the environmentalists, [illegible] those who like folk-ethnic. Activists go for Noel (Cabangon), while Cookie Chua attracts the young crowd, the rockers."

Many new artists have gone there and performed, like [illegible], guitarist Paolo Santos, and talents from "Pinoy Dream Academy." And there are the old talents like Armida Siguion-Reyna.

"We are open to different kinds of music," said De Quiros.

"There was a Broadway Night once, and serious performers have included cellist Renato Lucas and classical guitarist Michael Dadap.

Dadap's ABCC

Coming now the Andres Bonifacio Concert Choir (ABCC), led by renowned composer-arranger Jerry A. Dadap, which is threatening to re-enact its classical-nationalist repertoire upon the denizens of Conspiracy on Oct. 4, 8 p.m.

The ABCC was organized by Dadap in 1983, with its members drawn from the composer's landmark musical "Andres Bonifacio, Ang Dakilang Anak-Pawis." It was performed in 1979 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines with a cast of 200.

Since then, the choir has concertized in many venues, public as well as private, but has always set aside Nov. 30 (Bonifacio Day) for its big annual concert at Philamlife Theater in Manila.

The repertoire is classical-nostalgic, with songs and choral works from the Filipino masters, kundiman (serenades), patriotic anthems, religious hymns, love songs and regional folk songs, and traditional Visayan songs known as [illegible].

As all-Filipino repertoire is the norm, the [illegible] this time with an English-language hymn-cum-message "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

The Oct. 4 concert, partly sponsored by Filscap (Filipino Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers), marks the first time the ABCC will perform at a café-bar (and a [illegible]).



ANDRES Bonifacio Concert Choir with composer Jerry A. Dadap

Singing louts and lovers



CHRISTIAN Bautista as Tony and Joanna Ampil as Maria in Stages' "West Side Story," directed by Menchu Lauchengco Yulo. Karylle alternates with Ampil as Maria.

Bogus accents and lame costumes aside, this "West Side Story" has charisma and sheen to spare

Surface sheen

Class acts

Embellishment







See you at Película

The biggest Spanish-language film festival in Asia is back!

By Doctor R. Matilla
Contributor

A special feast

"Fuera de Carta" (2008)

By Ronald Bayan
Contributor



"FUERA de Carta"

Sansò lecture on composition at Alliance Française

José Blanco, UST Fine Arts alumni hold annual group show



See you at Película



"EL ORFANATO" (The Orphanage)

A mother's love: fierce and all-consuming

"El Orfanato" (The Orphanage, 2007)

By Alice Sun-Cua
Contributor

Pressure cooking

By Ramon Garcia Grajo
Contributor

"El Pollo, el Pez Y el Cangrejo Real" (2008)



"EL POLLO, el Pez Y el Cangrejo Real (The Chicken, the Fish and the King Crab)"

A special feast

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Philippine World Heritage sites





PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon





High biodiversity

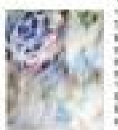
Forests

It should make the Filipino proud of the spectacular natural beauty of the country

Tapestry classes

VISUAL ARTS

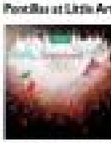


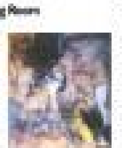




Coppola at West

Pontillas at Little Art Place





Group exhibit in Korea

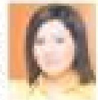
Group exhibit at Hobbies

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

Lorna, Kapamilya

IT'S OFFICIAL. LORNA TOLENTINO, WHO WAS A GMA 7 TALENT for three years, has moved to the rival network. [illegible] Wilma Galvante said Friday, "There will always be room in GMA 7 for talents like her." Tolentino's manager Lolit Solis said the ABS-CBN deal includes two soaps and two movies in two years. [illegible] —Marinel R. Cruz





RP'S ORIGINAL 'SARONG GIRL'

She is the original "Sarong Girl" of Philippine movies, counterpart of Hollywood's Dorothy Lamour, because she [illegible] in the 1941 film "Sarong Banggi." [illegible] YouTube. She is Mila del Sol, [illegible] Young [illegible] Mila is back in Manila after 30 years in the United States. Yesterday [illegible]

Kidlat is Urian awardee

By Desiree Caluza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—KIDLAT TAHIMIK, considered father of independent filmmaking in the country, will receive the lifetime achievement award for filmmaking during the Gawad Urian rites at the CCP [illegible] on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

The Gawad is given by the pioneering critics group, Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino. The program starts at 6:30 p.m.

As the first "indie" filmmaker to receive the award, Tahimik, born Eric de Guia on Oct. 3, 1942 in this city, considers the recognition as a victory, too, for those who spurred independent filmmaking in the country.

"The wall between Philippine independent and mainstream cinema is already crumbling," Tahimik said. "The award is a way of acknowledging that there are new storytellers."

When independent filmmaking was unheard of, Tahimik said, 16-mm films were not considered [illegible] because commercial movies were made on 35-mm. Because he worked with 16-mm celluloid films, he said, his works were sidelined by award-giving bodies.

He recalled an "awkward" moment: "We had just screened my film, 'Mababangong Bangungot.' They told me, 'Sorry, we can't consider your film because it is on 16-mm.' I felt they did not know how to deal with Kidlat," Tahimik said.

'Mooshugga'

"Mooshugga" [illegible] is only one of several full-length films that earned raves for Tahimik.

"Maybe they're giving me an award [now] because I fought for my [illegible] own voice," he said.

Tahimik's most celebrated full-length film, "Mababangong Bangungot" (Perfumed Nightmare)—first shown in the Berlin Film Festival in 1977—earned him his first award, the International Critics Award.

"Bangungot" has since been shown in 20 festivals around the world and continues to

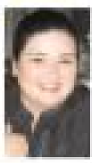
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"MAYBE I'm getting this award because I fought for my own voice."

Nadia to Rose, Cristy: Look in the mirror

OVERHEARD



NADIA MONTENEGRO ON "STARTALK" last Saturday, vigorously defending herself against the "tirades" of Gabby Concepcion's manager Rose Flaminiano and radio-TV host Cristy Fermin:

"Mrs. Flaminiano, why are you singling me out? There is so much that you have to face and straighten. Maybe you keep talking about me because you want to confuse the issues. Cristy Fermin, you can insult and embarrass me all you want. But when you dragged my husband into this mess, you made a mistake. As for making fun of my looks, don't you two have mirrors?"

'Michael' at Big Dome

DANISH BAND MICHAEL Learns To Rock (MLTR) will perform at the Big Dome on Nov. 22.

Since its debut in 1991, the band has become one of Denmark's biggest exports (9 million records sold). Though unlike many other international acts, "Michael's" success has never included scandals, divorces or drugs. It's just about the music—soft rock.

For Filipino fans, the band's biggest hits are "25 Minutes," "A Different Song," "A Kiss In The Rain" (Poon, Madsen, Bohm), "Breaking My Heart," "Angel Eyes," "Blue Night" and "Breaking My Heart."

The band has recorded seven albums, the latest of which is "I Walk this Road Alone" released last year. And its sound has been described as "Scandinavian glow that meets international pop."

Which is no surprise, as "Michael's" influences include The Beatles, The Eagles, Elton John and Billy Joel.

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Song downloading service launch irks indies

NEW YORK—MYSPACE'S NEW MUSIC [illegible]

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KIDLAT says his award is a "reminder" that younger filmmakers can relate to his work.

Kidlat is Urian awardee

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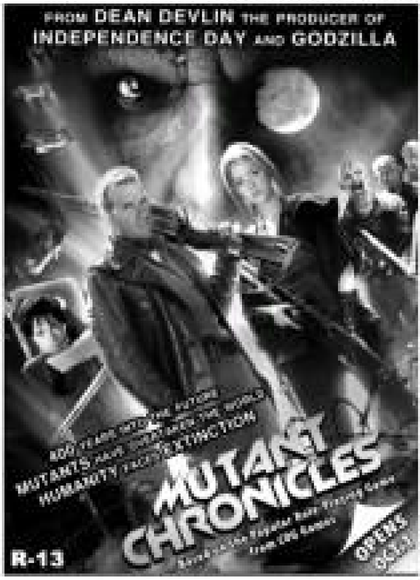
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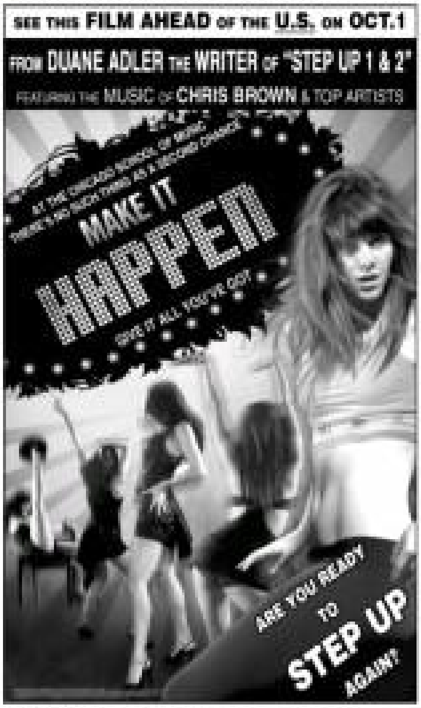
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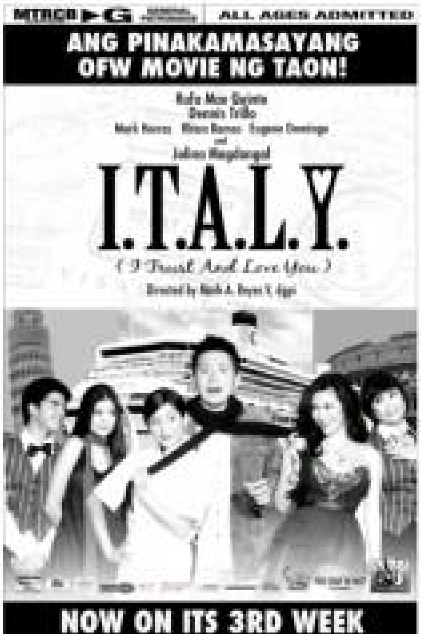
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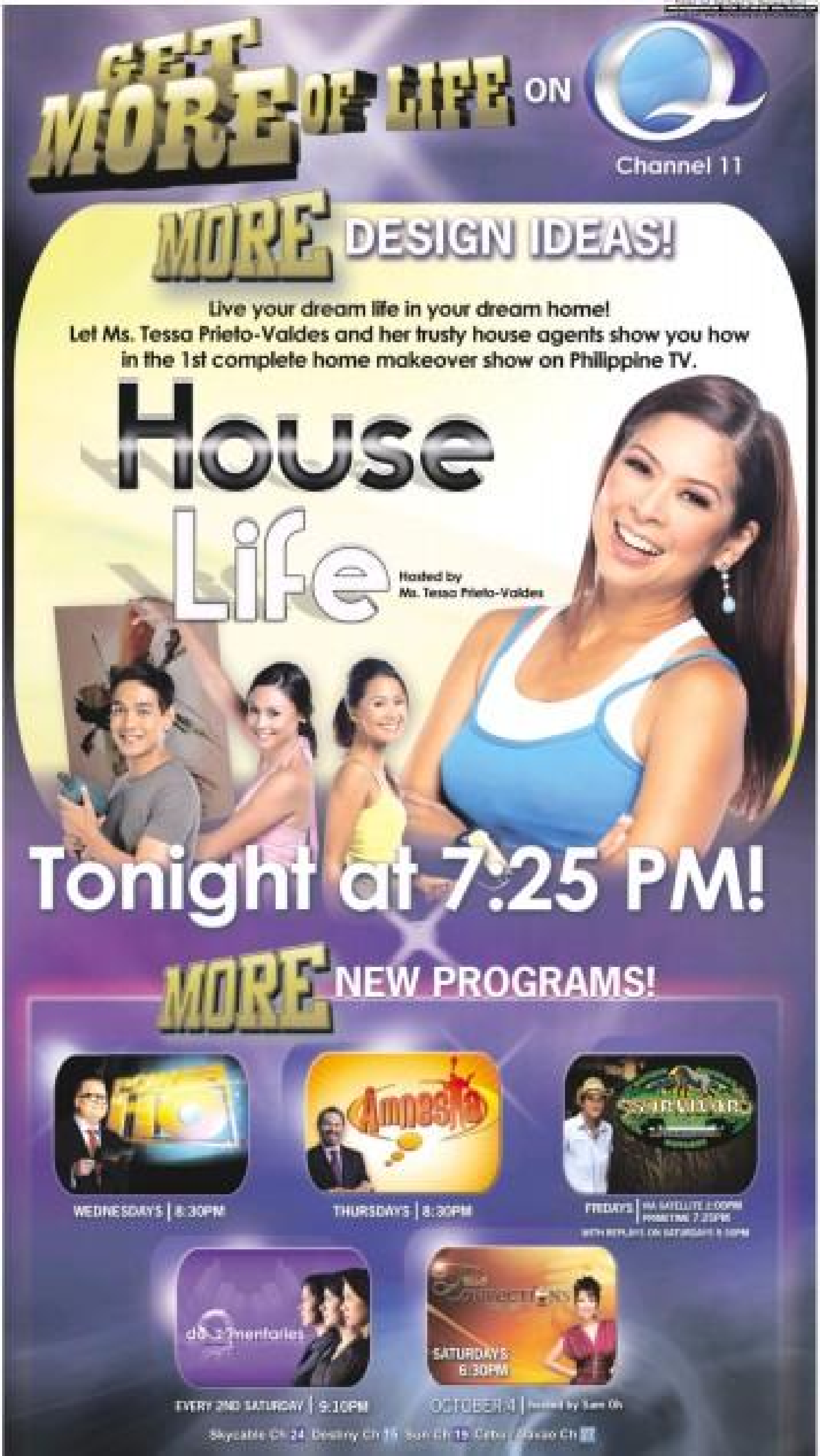
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Gabby in grief

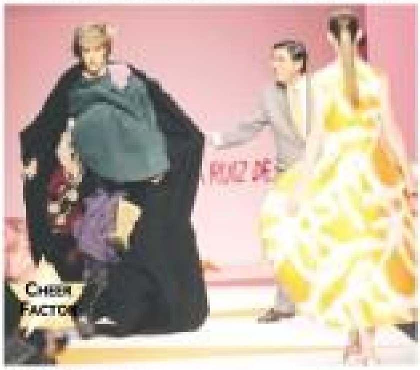
Instant chemistry

Style icon's show



Modern 'Fili'

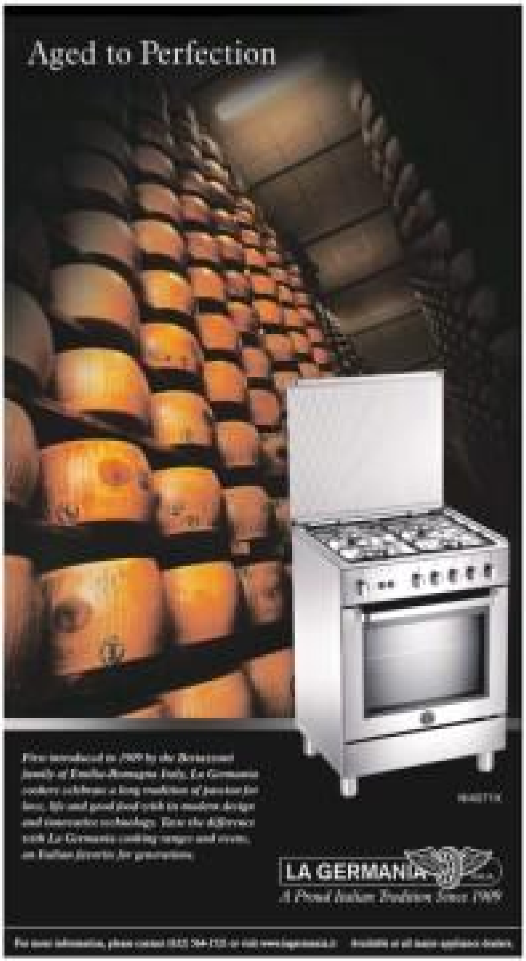




IS THAT HIM!

Gay stars await A-list stature

Still risky



Brisk start for latest 'Amazing

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Nestor U. Torre



Late-night talk show

Culinary challenge

'Nights in Rodanthe'

AT THE CINEMAS

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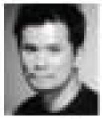
AT THE MALLS

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'The Strangers'





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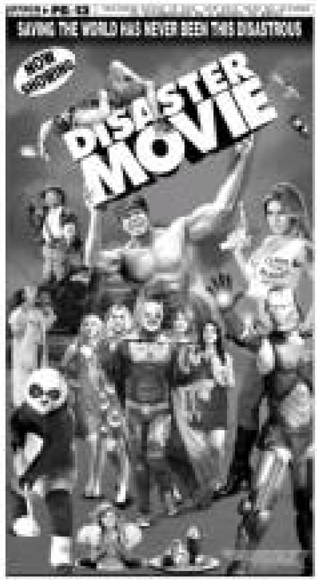


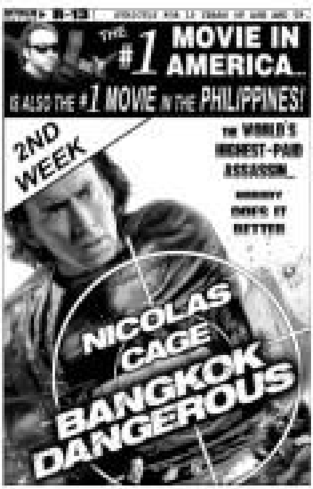


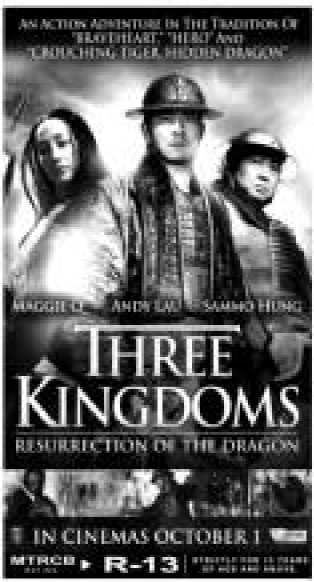
















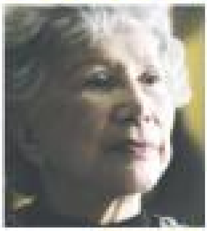
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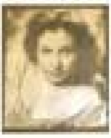
YESTERDAY

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by [illegible]



WITH the cast of "[illegible]," 1947, including Jose Padilla Jr., right.





HER family was very poor, Mila recalls. She wanted to be a movie star so she could buy her mom a pair of slippers. At right, in "[illegible]," 1952.

NEVER DARE ASK A LADY her age. But if the woman in question is 1940s movie queen Mila del Sol, expect the unexpected.

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WITH Leopoldo Salcedo in "[illegible]," 1949



WITH Jose Padilla Jr. in "Romansa," 1947



Mila del Sol is back after two decades in the US, and is raring to work in movies and television again

All-around assistant

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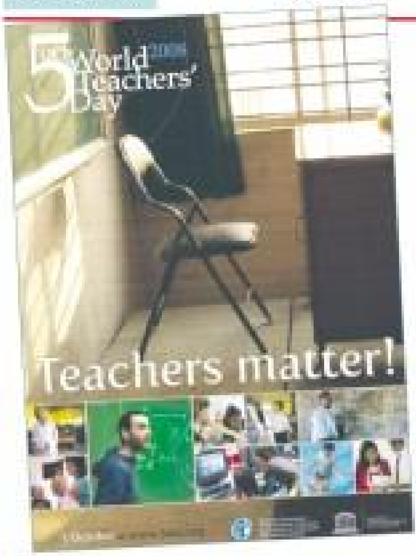
What teachers didn't know about World War II H2

Frannie gets into a fight in Chapter 4 H4

LEARNING

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso

Winning IIE lesson plan for September will be published after the "Frannie" series. Teachers, submit your entries for October today.



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Their very own day

PAY ATTENTION, EVERYONE. Oct. 5 is World Teachers' Day per the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) calendar.

UP'S OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Motivated to motivate

By Grace Shangkuan Koo, Ph.D.
Contributor



AMONG UP'S FINEST: The author (awardee from the College of Education), UP President Emerlinda Roman, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amelia Guevara (Chemistry) and Dr. Evelina Picazo (Education)



DR. CRISTINA Pantoja Hidalgo



DR. ANTON Juan

EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*










OUTSTANDING TEACHERS ALL (From left) Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J., Reynaldo Vea, Paulino Tan, Josette Biyo, Dolores Hernandez and Milagros Ibe

Masters of science education

LAST FRIDAY AT THE MANILA Hotel, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) honored six individuals for lifetime achievement in science education. As members of the 50 Men and Women of Science, they are evidence that Filipino teachers are among the world's best.

The two mathematics awardees, whom I am honored to call mentors and friends, are excellent not just in math but in other fields as well. Two other awardees are engineers, and two are biologists.

Mathematics

Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J., completed bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy in the early 1960s at the Berchmans College in Cebu City. He enrolled for his graduate degrees in math at Stanford University in California from 1965 to 1970.

He connected ties with Southeast Asian educators to develop math and science in the region, and spearheaded a network of universities that focused on these areas. The chair of a technical panel of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Fr. Nebres also headed a World Bank-Department of Science and Technology project and directed a Department of Education team to strengthen basic education in the poorest towns in the country.

Known for his advocacy of social and political causes, Fr. Nebres worked in conscientization programs in the Ateneo de Manila University in the 1970s, including those of alternative groups during the martial law regime. As provincial superior of the Jesuits in the 1980s, he supported church efforts in the years before and after the 1986 Edsa Revolution to restore democracy.

Fr. Nebres became president of Xavier University in Mindanao in 1990, and of Ateneo in 1993. He forged links with business, as board member of Metro Pacific and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company. An academician of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Fr. Nebres was given honorary degrees by the University of the Philippines (UP) and De La Salle University (DLSU).

Milagros Ibe is proud that math and English are complementary. In 1952, she graduated summa cum laude from Quezon College, with a bachelor's degree in education, major in math, and graduated magna cum laude a year later, major in English. She chose math as her life path, and received master's degrees from UP Diliman and the University of Toronto in the 1960s, where she also got her doctorate.

"I have been a teacher since 1952, a researcher since 1964, an academician since 1975, and an administrator since 1990," she says. She taught at UP for more than 40 years, and became vice chancellor for academic affairs and director of the Institute for Science and Math Education (ISMED). Since 1999 until her retirement last year, she was dean of the Miriam College Graduate School.

Now she is a consultant for the Professional Regulation Commission, the Science Education Institute and ABS-CBN Foundation. A trustee of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) and the Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education (FUSE), she has received several education awards from Rex-Bookstore Publications, the National Research Council, and Metrobank Foundation.

Engineering

Reynaldo Vea graduated magna cum laude in engineering from UP in 1979. Three years later, he got a master's degree in naval architecture and marine engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A Fulbright-Hays scholar, he got his doctorate at the University of California Berkeley.

A former panel chair in CHED, Vea was dean of the UP College of Engineering. In the mid-1990s, he became administrator of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System. A NAST academician, Vea received the Asean Engineering Award in 2003. He is now the president of the Mapua Institute of Technology.

Paulino Tan whizzed through his studies. Graduating from DLSU in 1967 with a degree in chemical engineering, he immediately went for graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he received a master's degree in two years, and a doctorate in another two.

He rapidly ascended the academic ladder at DLSU. He became chair of the chemical engineering department, then associate dean of the College of Engineering, vice president for academic affairs, and executive vice president. In 1991, he became president of the Asia Pacific College.

Tan also works in industry and government, a consultant in information technology for Shoemart; he is also a trustee of the Far Eastern University and Lyceum Institute of Technology.

Biology

Dolores Hernandez was born to be a teacher. A cum laude graduate of general science and health education from UP in 1948, she taught at Iloilo High School and UP Preparatory School. She received master's degrees from UP and Southern Illinois University and a doctorate from Indiana University.

Hernandez taught at the UP for more than 20 years and became ISMED director. In the 1980s, she also headed the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology. She received the first Jean-Jacques Rousseau World Award for Education in Sweden in 1985. In 2000, her students, UK-based biologist Ped-Asman Oliveros, named a seashell "Nerita Dollorae" in her honor.

Josette Biyo graduated with a degree in biological sciences from UP Visayas in 1979. Ten years later, she received graduate degrees, with distinction, from DLSU where she taught for a while.

But her heart remained in her hometown. In 1995, she started teaching advanced biology at the PSHS-Western Visayas, becoming in 2000 the school director.

Biyo is best known for her 2002 Intel Excellence in Teaching Award, beating 4,000 science teachers all over the world. The first Asian teacher to win the award, Biyo had a minor planet named in her honor. She also received the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award, the Presidential Medal of Merit, The Outstanding Young Men Award, and the Metrobank Outstanding Teacher Award.

I thank DOST for naming me Outstanding Science Communicator, that I had the privilege of sharing the stage with these icons last week. I marvel at their creativity and dedication, and I hope that other science educators will follow in their footsteps.

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PUP to give loyalty awards to teachers, employees

THE POLYTECHNIC University of the Philippines (PUP) will honor on Oct. 2 officials, faculty members and employees who have been with the university for 25-35 years. University president Dante G. Guevarra will hand out the Pylon Awards assisted by executive vice president Victoria C. Naval, and vice presidents Dr. Samuel M. Salvador, Augusto F. Gozar, Dr. Pastor E. Malabrigo, Dr. Jose C. Bonus and Marissa J. Legaspi. Dr. Milagros S. Dallarte, former university publication head, will receive the award on behalf of the other retirees. Theme of the celebration is "PUP at 103th: Achieving Greater Heights in Unity and Cooperation." Special guests include songwriter Vicky Lao, and actors Joan Foxtrap, Yayo Aguila and Christopher de Leon.

Perpetual Help graduates bring honor to school

TWO ALUMNI of the University of Perpetual Help (UPH) Las Piñas campus have brought honor to their alma mater through their achievements in their respective fields. Ruth A. Olinda, who graduated in 2003 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation, is the first and only woman ship captain in the Philippines. She started in 2003 as an apprentice of MV Maria Olivia of the Montenegro Shipping Lines Inc. then became third mate in 2005, second mate and chief mate in 2006 and captain on board in January. Olinda plans to take the board exam for Master Mariner next year. Mark Lester R. Escandor, a BS nursing graduate, was chosen one of Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children in 2007 by the Bank of the Philippine Islands and the Commission on Higher Education. The program pays tribute to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families. Escandor graduated magna cum laude and was awarded the Dr. Josefina Laperal Tamayo Plaque of Leadership Excellence for being an exceptional student leader as president of the Supreme Student Council.



PWU signs MOA with Etelecare

THE PHILIPPINE Women's University and the Etelecare Global Solutions Inc. signed a memorandum of agreement to conduct programs and projects that will promote career placements of PWU students and graduates. The collaboration will be implemented through the Employability Enhancement Training course to be developed by the university and the business process outsourcing company. Etelecare is a leading organization in this industry. Sealing the agreement with a handshake are PWU president Dr. Amelou B. Reyes and Darren Bensons, Etelecare vice president for global recruitment. Others in photo are (from left): Ricky Sanchez, Jose F. Cabarce, Nestor Pallaras, Francis Ramirez, Evelinda Macharian, Susan Vidal, Donna Robles and Edith Andre.

JRU official attends CIO Roundtable



DR. MILANI Austria, JRU assistant dean for technological studies, college division, represented the university in the 6th CIO (chief information officer) Roundtable. Representatives of the academe and the information technology industry discussed the quality of IT education in the Philippines. They reached the consensus that the problem was not shortage of IT graduates, but the lack of quality of IT education. Austria said greater industry-academe cooperation could help solve the problem. JRU IT professors currently participate in a 240-hour Java boot camp program, a partnership between the Philippine Software Industry Association and the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations.

St. Jude College marks 40th anniversary

ST. JUDE College (SJC) held a series of academic competitions as part of its 40th anniversary celebration. The contests included On-the-Spot Essay Writing and Reading in English and Filipino, Debate Competition, and Battle of the Brain. Each competition was divided into two categories. In the high school level, participants came from Batasan Hills National High School (BHNHS), Lakeside Manila High School (LAHS), Mariano Marcos High School (MMHS), Ramon Avanceña High School (RAHS), San Sebastian College-Recoletos (SSC-R), Sergio Osmeña Sr. High School (SOSHS) and SJC Basic Education Department. College-level competitions were participated in by Liberal Arts and Education, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Rehabilitation Sciences, Business Administration and Information Technology students. Winners received scholarship grants, trophies, medals, cash prizes and certificates.

UNTOLD STORIES OF WWII

How history teachers got their groove back



THE HISTORY OF the Philippines, particularly the chapter on World War II, is being taken out of the archives, dusted off and made alive and more personal to motivate and inspire those who have to teach it.



Untold tales

Cagayan's role





Teaching right values

IAME awards honorary doctorate to Joseph

UST Varsitarian holds national campus press workshop Oct. 20-22



FEU pep squad is 2nd in cheer competition



Lyceum's new vice president for academic affairs

Angelicum team wins inter-school IT quiz bee

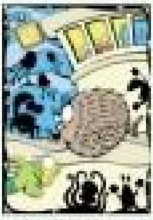


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FRANNIE LEARNS A LESSON

Chapter Four: Frannie and the Blowfish





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